GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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. DEDICATED MULTIMODAL HIGH AXLE FREIGHT CORRIDOR PROJECT
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have decided to set up a dedicated multimodal high axle load freight corridor project;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the salient features of the project?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS(SHRI R. VELU)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. Indian Railways had proposed to construct a Dedicated Freight Corridor Project (Eastern Corridor from Ludhiana to Dankuni and Western Corridor from Jawaharlal Nehru Port near Mumbai to Dadri/Tughlakabad) to handle the large increase in volume of traffic over the coming years. A Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV), namely, Dedicated Freight Corridor Corporation of India Limited (DFCCIL) has been set up in October 2006 to implement the Project.

(c): Both Eastern and Western Corridors will be made suitable for running of longer and heavier trains of 25 tonne axle load. Maximum moving dimensions on the routes will be more liberal and comparable to world standards in order to permit heavier and longer trains.